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**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Applicants have provided herewith a replacement abstract on a separate sheet. The original abstract has been amended as follows:

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--Abstract

β1 The A collecting bag ~~comprises including~~ a bag member (1) formed by two film blanks (2, 3) with joined edges, and a discharge portion (6) ~~comprising having~~ a discharge opening. ~~A that is closed by a closure device.~~ The discharge portion has (7) at the discharge portion (6) for bringing the bag from a discharge position, in which the bag is open, to and a position of use, in which the bag is closed, is accommodated in accommodating means (8). At least one open receptacle formed in the bag member accommodates the discharge portion when it is in the position of use of the bag. ~~The accommodating means (8) comprises at least one open receptacle formed in said the bag member (1) and has a basis portion (9) in which said the film blanks (2, 3) are undetachably connected to each other, and may further include.~~ ~~The accommodating means may comprise a retaining element in the form of a strip (10) having at least one engagement section for releasable engagement with a corresponding section or corresponding sections on said the bag member (1) or on the opposite end of the said retaining element.--~~

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